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Applicant: TAKUYA TAMATANI AND KATSUNARI TEZUKA

Title: CELL SURFACE MOLECULE MEDIATING CELL ADHESION AND
SIGNAL TRANSMISSION

The prior application is assigned of record to Japan Tobacco Inc.,
a Japanese corporation, by virtue of an assignment submitted to the Patent and
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Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date
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| | <u>Pages</u> |
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| Specification | 116 |
| Claims | 9 |
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Enclosures:

- Information Disclosure Statement, 2 pages.
- Form PTO-1449, 5 pages, listing documents cited in the parent application(s). Please confirm that these have been considered in this application by returning a copy of the Form PTO-1449 with the examiner's initials.
- Preliminary Amendment, 8 pages.
- Verified Statement and paper copy of Sequence Listing filed in parent application, 17 pages.

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- Request Under 37 CFR 1.821(e) to Transfer Computer Readable Form, 1 page.
- Postcard.

This application is a continuation (and claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC 120) of U.S. application serial no. 10/301,056, filed November 21, 2002, which is a divisional of U.S. application serial number 09/383,551, filed August 26, 1999, which is a continuation-in-part of international application number PCT/JP98/00837, filed February 27, 1998, which claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC §119 of Japanese application number 10/62217, filed February 26, 1998 and Japanese application number 9/62290, filed February 27, 1997. The disclosures of the prior applications are considered part of (and are incorporated by reference in) the disclosure of this application.

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